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Greetings To All

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.—

When Herod the King had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.—

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.—

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet,—

And thou Bethlehem, the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people of Israel.—

Then Herod, when he had privily called the Wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.—

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, go and search diligently for the young Child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.—

When they had heard of the King, they departed, and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.—

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.—

And when they were to come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his Mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.—

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.—

MATTHEW 2:12

Report From Parliament Hill

If the greatness of a country can be measured by the number of problems within it, then Canada must be a great country.

The two topics which created the most interest in the House of Commons in the past couple of weeks, have been the immense problem of wet and damp wheat on the Prairies, and the difficult matter of marketing of the fish of the Atlantic region.

These two matters are indicative of the difficulty which any government faces in the sensible administration of a country as vast and as diverse as the country we live in.

A further complicating factor is the lack of understanding by the people of one region for the difficulties of the people of another. One of the sad commentaries on the two problems just mentioned, is that when the issue of wet wheat is brought up, the Member of Parliament who represent areas other than Western Canada tend to ignore it; when the fisheries are thrown into the spotlight, those Members who do not come from the Atlantic Pro-

vinces are then prone to play down the importance of this problem.

This of course points up the fact that there is still a great deal of regionalism prevalent in this country.

The same element shows up in any discussion of regional development. The topic of regional development and the elimination of regional disparities is one which is going to occupy much of the time of Parliament in the next few years, as it has in the past few years.

One of the first observations that can be made of the House of Commons, is the frequency with which Members from the Atlantic Region request the Government to assist in the economic development for that area.

These many demands are likely as not to be falling on deaf ears, when they are heard by Members from other parts of the country. The same can be said of the demands made by Western Members.

The reason for the lack of understanding appears to be the tendency of Canadians to think of their country in terms of separate and distinct divisions more than

to think of it as a unit, with several distinct, but integral sections. It will be difficult to establish a cohesive economic state until Canadians in all parts of the country realize that when one portion of the nation is facing economic difficulties, the rest of the nation also suffers.

It may be a long time coming, but until the bulk of the Canadian people accept the fact of inter-regional dependency the ties which bind the nation together will be necessarily weak.

Preventive Pointers

For the next few weeks, we will be very busy completing final arrangements for the coming Vocational Fair. This will be a first for the Crownsnest Pass, and is being co-sponsored by the Preventive Social Service Program and the Department of Education.

"What is a Vocational Fair?" The aim of a Vocational Fair is to present up-to-date information on all the various occupations, trades and professions; to encourage students to become informed about several occupations; to help students and adults who may be

considering further training to discover (a) what the nature of the occupation or profession is, (b) where the training is available, (c) what are the pre-requisites necessary to enter a specific occupation or profession.

Although the Vocational Fair is primarily designed for High School students, it will also be open to adults in the community who may be wanting to think about possible changes in their occupation.

"Who will be Coming?"

This will be a very big event for our community, with representatives from the University of Lethbridge, University of Calgary, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Lethbridge Junior College, RCMP, Calgary Power and Nursing. Just to name a few. Each of these will be bringing exciting displays which will be set up around the Isabelle Sellon auditorium. Along with the displays, will be two or three experts who will be available to discuss the work and the training required.

"When will the Vocational Fair take Place?"

Here in the Crownsnest Pass, the Vocational Fair will be held on

Wednesday, February 5; from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4:30 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m. Adults will be invited to attend with their high school students, at any time during the day.

"Who is Organizing the Fair?"

The co-ordinating committee is made up of Mr. W. J. Eds, School Superintendent, Mr. Eric Price and Mr. Horace Allen, School Principals, Mr. Elliot and Miss Anne Adamec, Counsellors, along with your Preventive Social Service Director. A further member of our committee will be a representative of a local community service group whose job will be to construct the display booths in the Isabelle Sellon auditorium, and be on hand to help insure that the Fair runs smoothly.

Some of the displays that we know about so far, promise to be most exciting indeed, and we are fortunate in having some top people in the various fields attending, to represent their fields; for example, Dr. Rowlands, Head of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary, will be here to represent Medicine, and talk to those students who are interested in this field. All in all, it is shaping up to

be a most exciting event for our whole community. We are sure that not only the students of the high schools, but all adults in the community will want to attend, to gain new knowledge for themselves. This is another way that we are attempting to "Accentuate the Positive, to Eliminate the Negative."

Services Held For Mrs. McDougall

McDOUGALL — Alice Clark (Farley), of Blairmore, passed away in the Crownsnest Pass Hospital on Saturday, December 14, 1968, at the age of 99 years.

She was the oldest resident of Blairmore. She was born in Mona Mills, Ont., on July 5, 1869 and came west to Medicine Hat in 1898, living there until she moved to Blairmore in 1938 to live with her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Bannan.

She was a Charter Life Member of the Murray Chapter OES of Medicine Hat and also an honorary member of the Kingston, Ont., Coleman and Blairmore OES Chapters.

Predeceased by her husband, John Allan, in Medicine Hat in 1906; five brothers and one sister, all in Ontario. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Gladys Bannan of Blairmore; two grandsons, Robert Bannan of Creston, B.C. and Jim McDougall of Brooks, Alta.; two granddaughters, Miss Eleanor McDougall of Edmonton and Mrs. Shirley Lansdowne of Alert Bay, B.C.; nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Blairmore United Church at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 17th, with Rev. Harold Howard officiating.

Remains were then forwarded to Medicine Hat for further services at Cook's Funeral Home at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 18th.

Interment followed in the family plot, Medicine Hat Hillside Cemetery.

Coleman Old Timer Passes Dec. 16th

STEPHENSON — Lucy, of Coleman, passed away in the Crownsnest Pass Hospital on Monday, December 16th, 1968, at age 82. She was born in Richmond, England on May 10, 1876 and came to Canada in 1909, settling in Coleman.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph, in Coleman in July, 1965, and one brother George Henry, in Edmonton in 1932.

Survivors include two nephews, Henry of Dewberry and Tom Benson of Kimberley; two nieces, Dr. L. W. (Edna) Heard and Helen Benson, both of Edmonton.

Funeral services were held in Fantin's Coleman Chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 18th, with Rev. Clarence Babcock officiating. Interment, Coleman Union Cemetery.

Military Services Held For W. Kotko

KOTO — Walter, passed away at his home in Coleman on December 6, 1968, at age 57.

He was born September 15, 1911 and came to Canada in 1949. Mr. Koto was a veteran of the second World War having served in the Polish Army.

Funeral services were held at Fantin's Coleman Chapel on Friday, December 13th at 10:30 a.m. with Father Krewski officiating.

Interment followed in the catholic cemetery where an honor guard of caskets fired a three shot salute and the last post was blown.

Fantin Chapels Ltd. was in charge of arrangements.

... a connoisseur of good film?

The ever-increasing use of audio-visual aids in Alberta's schools requires a continuous supply of motion picture films on a variety of educational subjects. To see that these films are provided in good condition is one of the duties of Jacob Strikwerda of the Audio-Visual Services Branch of the Alberta Department of Education. Motion picture films are just one of the types of teaching aids provided by the Branch. It also offers sound tape and filmstrips and is responsible for radio and television school broadcasts. In addition, new audio-visual techniques and devices are examined by Audio-Visual Services and their value to the classroom teacher assessed.



... an underwater-weeder operator?



Underwater weed cutters, invaluable in keeping weeds under control in Alberta's provincial park lakes, are manufactured by Earl Elliott at Wabamun Provincial Park. As an employee of the Parks Branch of the Alberta Department of Lands and Forests, Earl also operates the cutter to make swimming and boating in the lake more pleasant. It takes about 300 people, at the peak of the season, to keep Alberta's 44 provincial parks ready for the more than four million visitors they receive each year. Picnic and camping areas are kept clean and clear; beaches supervised; cut firewood stockpiled, and lawns and roads kept in good repair. Park area total more than 127,000 acres and they offer a variety of activities from water skiing to inspecting the bones of the dinosaurs that occupied this land millions of years ago. There is no charge for entrance to any provincial park but a small fee may be charged for overnight camping.

have you ever met...

... a benevolent double-agent?

Howard Lett serves two masters simultaneously. As manager of the Metis Colony at Kikino, he represents the government to the residents of the colony and, conversely, the residents to the government. Howard, and the managers of the other seven colonies in the province, operate under the Metis Area Rehabilitation Branch of the Alberta Department of Welfare, to assist the Metis in all matters of agriculture, education, health and general welfare. They advise the leaders of their communities in devising programs for development of the colonies, such as new home building, livestock purchase and breaking and allocation of new land. The managers act for the residents in presenting these programs to the provincial government and for the government in supervising the allocation of funds provided for the program. All efforts of the Branch are directed toward the goal of helping Alberta's Metis establish their place in today's society.

... a gardener who plants grass in asphalt?

Asphalt really does help Jack Martin produce a thicker and greener lawn, about 10,000 acres of it each year. Jack operates a hydro-seeder for the Construction Branch of the Alberta Department of Highways. This sprays roadside banks with a mixture of water, fertilizer, grass seed and asphalt. The asphalt forms a thin crust, holding the seed in place against erosion by either wind or water, retains moisture in the ground by preventing evaporation, and creates a hot-house atmosphere that speeds germination. The grass adds a practical and ornamental finishing touch to the work of the Construction Branch which last year built 329 miles of new grade in the provincial road network, laid 282 miles of base course and 305 miles of asphaltic plant mix to further extend Alberta's excellent system of roadways.

... a complete stranger, who'll help you pay your bills?

While he doesn't write cheques to creditors or provide cash for payment, Harry F. Atkinson, a debt counsellor in the office of the Debtors' Assistance Board, can be very helpful to anyone embroiled in a complicated debt situation. He assists in solving such problems by acting as intermediary between debtor and creditor, and by setting up a plan for settlement of debts. Any resident of Alberta who finds himself involved in indebtedness which he is unable to resolve on his own may turn to the Board for counselling and assistance. The Debtors' Assistance Board, a branch of the Alberta Attorney-General's Department, also administers the "Orderly Payment of Debts Provision" under which consolidation of debts is implemented by court order and regular payments made through the court. The Board has offices in Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge and Red Deer.

... the link between agriculture and automation?

As a Regional Economist, Bruce Hackett acts as advisor and interpreter for farmers who wish to take advantage of the Farm Business Analysis Program of Economics Division, Alberta Department of Agriculture. Available at a \$10 fee to any Alberta farmer who maintains management records with the Prairie Provinces Farm Accounts Book, the Program utilizes the Provincial government computer to indicate how the farm is performing and what changes or adjustments are required to make it more profitable. Regional Economists throughout the province assist farmers in translating data from records into a form which can be read by the computer, and in analyzing the results of the computer's report. Bruce Hackett and his counterparts make an important contribution to Alberta agriculture by helping the province's food producers to make the correct management decisions for more successful farming.



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By Bertha R. Rudelson

THE Carson's didn't run bills. That is, not many. They didn't dare! They were paying for their small ranch type home by the month, for Junior's appendectomy, and for Janie's teeth straightening. Besides house, life, and car insurance, church contributions, and taxes they had little money left for ordinary living, let alone for running bills at department, clothing, and other stores that display enticing wares for the weak. Weak in the sense that when there is not enough money for even necessary things, spend anyway!

On this special day in December, Phil and Lucy sat on their back steps mulling over a problem. They had, long ago, bought toys for the children's Christmas. But they had forgotten someone. "Dad Carson. What can we give him?"

"Socks, or Bermudas. I guess," Phil suggested, relighting his pipe for the fourth time since beginning their conversation. Phil had foregone cigarettes in order to stop one big money leak and resorted to pipe smoking for consolation. The transition had been



"We must give him something unusual, yet costing nearly nothing—if possible."

difficult, for he was forever forgetting to keep his pipe lighted.

Money-Conscious

Lucy, watching, remarked, "You're so money-conscious, that I'm glad when your pipe goes out. Uses less tobacco and luckily the matches are free. Yet the economical sock idea leaves me cold," and she shrugged disdainfully. "Too ordinary. I don't see why nice gifts for men are so expensive. If Dad were a woman, I could get a ritz little pair of earrings, or a fancy handkerchief, for not more than a dollar. That's about all we can afford. As for Bermudas! You know Dad. He'd stick them in the fire rather than wear such 'cock-eyed stuff' as he calls them."

"Shaving lotion, then."

"He'd buy that himself. We must give him something unusual yet costing nearly nothing—if possible."

An Idea

"He's fond of jelly. And why not half a dozen glasses?" Lucy suggested, happily, pleased that she had at last come up with an idea. "You know Mom Carson doesn't make jelly any more, or can fruit, or cake. She says she's graduated from all that. From now on she's taking things easy. And she deserves to, although I do feel a little sorry for Dad with his farm bringing up. To hear him tell it, his mother even fried chicken for breakfast. Sometimes he had fried chicken three meals a day. Not that I would want it, but he likes to eat. A habit formed when young, and, 'they say,' habits grow stronger as one grows older. But the jelly wouldn't do. Not homemade."

A Winner

Phil suddenly took a long puff on his again-unlit pipe. "I know what! You're such a good cook, why not offer to bake him some pies? Any kind he likes. As many as he wants."

"Wonderful! Why didn't I think of that?"

"Because my brain happens to work a little faster than yours, my dear," Phil said, smiling fondly. "We'll get a nice card and announce our gift. What could be better?"

"Nothing! But it's a good thing you smiled when you made that brainy remark," Lucy told him, smiling as fondly at him as he had at her. "Now for sweeping and dusting until 1981!" She leaped to her feet and started into the house.

Paul slowly stood up, groaning. "And me to work."

They went their different ways, amazed at the gift they were to offer, and content, despite the problem of the high cost of living in the year of 1980. After all, there are satisfactory ways of beating it if you but use your brain.



By Elizabeth Shafer

IT was the day before Christmas. The man at the lot said, "I can give you this bigger tree for the same price, lady."

Mary Carstairs said quickly, "No, thank you, this is just the right size. Will you put it in the car for me, please?"

The man set the tiny, perfectly formed fir tree on the back seat of the car. "There you are, lady. Merry Christmas."

Mary Carstairs looked at him, startled. "Thank you," she said. She got into the car and drove off, a young woman with dark, sad eyes, her face unnaturally thin.

Purposeful

At Hempstead's department store, she moved slowly, purposefully through the crowded, festive aisles. When she came to the counter with the Christmas decorations laid out in shining rows of red and green, blue, pink, silver and gold, she waited quietly until a clerk came.

"I want six of the small blue ones," she said, pointing. "Six of the red, six of the gold."

"They're cheaper by the dozen, ma'am. Wouldn't you like to make that two dozen all together?"

"No. Thank you. That's all I need."

"Wouldn't you like some tinsel—or a box of artificial snow?"

"No. Just these."

"We have a good bargain on lights."



"I want six of the small blue ones," she said, pointing. "Six of the red, six of the gold."

"Thank you."

"How about a little angel for the top of the tree? On special sale, since tomorrow is Christmas."

Mary Carstairs stared at the delicately featured, smiling angel with the tinsel wings. "Yes. Yes—I will take that."

Holiday Air

She moved quickly through the pushing crowds, carrying her parcel. She put the ornaments into the back seat of the car, beside the little tree, and drove through the streets of the town. Windows were gay with holiday offerings, the streets swarmed with laughing, last-minute shoppers. Decorations were hung across the street: loops of evergreen, candles and candles, gigantic candy canes. A loudspeaker was blaring, "Joy to the World."

Mary Carstairs drove out of town, past the houses with their reindeer and Santa's sleigh on the front lawns, the three wise men, the shepherds, and the manger. She did not look at the manger.

It was dusk, and already there were lighted candles and wreaths with colored lamps in the windows of the houses that she passed. Through the picture windows she could see the families—mothers and fathers, boys and girls—laughing and eager, decorating the trees.

A Mission

She drove on, and at the end of the street she turned the car onto the side road leading away from the town and through the carved pillars with their iron gates.

"Memorial Cemetery," the sign said. "Gates close at 5:30 p.m."

When she had come to the place, she stopped the car and got out. She carried the little tree and the package of ornaments across the grass, between the headstones. Kneeling, she began to work, swiftly, utterly absorbed. She set up the tree, adorned it with the ornaments of red and blue and gold. At the very last, she took the sweet-faced angel with the tinsel wings and fastened it securely atop the tiny tree.

She stood up, brushing her hands on her coat, and looked at her handiwork, looked at the little headstone which read: "Mary Louise, infant daughter of Charles and Mary Carstairs, born February 5, died September 21."

She stared dry-eyed at the words cut into the stone, then turned and walked slowly back to the car. In the car she hesitated, looked back.

The little tree stood bravely in the fading light, its ornaments gleaming against the softness of the tree.

Joy at Christmas

Now is the time for all Good Holiday Wishes...may we wish to all our friends the best of health and joy for Christmas and the New Year.

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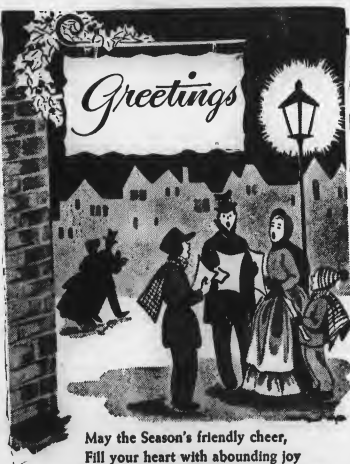
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Christmas AT GRANDMA'S

Christmas at grandma's is a disappearing American tradition. Grandma doesn't live on the farm any longer. She has an apartment in town, across the street from the shopping center and within walking distance of the church. Now it is grandma that does the visiting during the holiday season.

In days of yore, Christmas was the one time of the year when all footsteps turned homeward. And, "home" was grandma's place in the country.

Grandpa lived there too. I remember that he tied loudly but, as grandma always said, "His bark was a lot worse than his bite." For the most part, he sat quietly before the fireplace, thoughtfully puffing on his corncob pipe, or lost somewhere in the passages of "The Good Book" that he must have read from cover to cover a thousand times.

It was grandma who rushed to the door to greet sons and daughters, grandchildren, aunts and uncles. It was grandma who "bossed" activities in the kitchen, who directed the trimming of the tree, who told people when to sit and when to stand — and obviously enjoyed every moment of it.

I remember Grandma's house was filled with the most delicious odors in the world... meats and sweets, cakes and pies, evergreens and pine boughs.



I remember how the sound of laughter rang throughout the old house and how echoes seem to remain until the most dominant sound was the "crackling" of hickory logs glowing red-hot in the fireplace.

I remember awakening on Christmas morning, rushing down the steps, three at a time, hoping that all of the spots near the warm side of the tree had not been taken by earlier-timers. Grandma waited patiently, in her rocking chair, knitting away. Children sat in a circle around the tree, the side of the room nearest the fireplace filling up with the others filling in beside them.

Uncle John, old enough, and round enough to pose as Santa, passed out the presents. Grandma had long ago made a rule that none were opened until all had been given out and his rule was never violated.

When Uncle John said, "That's all," the fun began and he wrappings and the ribbons flew here and there.

Grandma always watched silently. Only when all others had opened their gifts did she start on the pile that had been placed before her.

TO CHURCH
Breakfast was never served at grandma's house on Christmas morning. Once the gifts had been distributed everyone put on their very best and "grandma's caravan," as the neighbors called it, headed church-ward, singing Christmas carols all the way.

After church, children had only a small amount of time to re-examine their gifts before grandma rang the bell on the back porch, the signal that the Christmas meal was on the table.

More words could not do justice to the quality, nor the quantity, of the foods that adorned the table, that overflowed onto sideboards and card tables on the back porch.

It was at this time with his pipe nowhere in sight, that grandpa proved that he was not completely a man of few words. As heads, young and old, were bowed in silence, grandpa gave "thanks" for the good things of life, for the fellowship and the companionship of loved ones, and most especially, for a happy Christmas Day.

And, when he had finished, no one moved a fork until grandma had affirmed the message with a solemn, "Amen."

Such was Christmas at grandma's, a long, long time ago.

Christmas Decision

By Tommy Pope
Jim Smith stepped down from the station platform and gingerly treaded through the maze of parked vehicles until he came to the "Last of the '53's." With a couple of half-hearted swipes, he brushed aside enough snow to provide a driving peep-hole. Now, if the old girl still had life left, he'd soon be sitting before the warm fire glass in hand, ready to suffer through the long holiday week.

The old girl was reluctant. She hardly murmured. Not again! It had been this way for several days. "Old '53" started each morning like a sewing machine and gilded to the station as if she had wings. Evenings were a different story. Well, this did it! Afford it or not, Christmas or not, he intended to buy another second car. He'd talk to Martha about it tonight. Something just had to give.

Something had to give. Something had to go. Private dancing, less on, private schools, the country club membership, he didn't care which. Maybe some other things would go as well. They might even take a smaller house. Martha wouldn't like it, but ten years of keeping up with the rest of suburbia was enough. Jim Smith was going to put his foot down. The Smith family was going to live within the Smith family income and first things were going to come first.



He decided to walk home rather than call Martha to pick him up. He needed the time to think.

Hey, Jim, want a push to get me to work today? Harvey West. Driving a bright and shiny '65.

No thanks, brother-in-law. I'll walk. I think the old girl is dead for keeps.

Need to walk. Come on. Ride with me in my little red wagon. It's a Christmas gift. I want to know what you think of it.

It's a fine looking machine, Harvey. Obviously well-taken care of.

"Thought you'd like it. Look at the mileage. Can't say it belonged to an old lady, but it has been used sparingly as a second car. I know the owner well."

"Must be nice." Jim said indifferently. "Nice Christmas present."

"You bet," Harvey said with a laugh. "Belongs to a lady guy. A gift from his family, and all paid for. No coupon book goes with it."

They lapsed into silence. Harvey wheeled into the driveway behind the bright blue wagon. "Right to your door delivery, sir. Now as to the fare, it will cost you at least one round of the spirit of the season."

"Consider it paid Harvey. Come on in. I could use a bit of refreshment myself."

NOT AT CHRISTMAS
Harvey didn't stay long. When he had gone, Jim sat before the fire, listening to the sounds of pots and pans as Martha fussed about the kitchen and the laughter of the children as they wrapped last-minute presents. He knew he couldn't spoil it for them now. After all, it was Christmas. He wouldn't even mention that Harvey had a new car for Christmas. They apparently didn't know it, as nothing had been said about the matter.

This is, of course, a Christmas story. You can imagine the dialogue as Jim Smith passed out the presents. As the piles of wrapping paper and ribbon accumulated on the floor. The "oohs" and the "aahs" and then the moment of silence when Jim opened his last and smallest gift of all—the keys to the little red wagon Harvey had left in the driveway. The confessions that there had been no dancing lessons all year, that John had saved his summer lawn-mowing money, that Martha had cut corners and padded expenses.

After all, such things really

Christmas time.



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Although a natural Christmas tree can constitute a serious fire hazard in the home if not installed properly, with just a little extra care it can be kept perfectly safe and green.

Tests conducted at the Department of Fisheries and Forestry's Petawawa Forest Experiment Station show that the difference between a safe and unsafe Christmas tree lies in the tree's moisture content, something which can be controlled quite easily.

The Department recommends that three simple steps be followed for the safe enjoyment of a natural evergreen Christmas tree:

First, do not purchase a tree that has dried out. Test the twigs and needles for flexibility. Trees that are too dry have brittle branches and shed their needles easily.

Second, if you are not taking the tree into your home immediately store it out of doors, preferably in a shady location.

Third, when the tree is to be put up in your home, re-cut the base diagonally, one inch or more above the original cut. Then stand the tree in a container which is large enough that the diagonal cut on the base can be completely immersed in water. Make sure that the water remains at this level as long as the tree is in your home.

For some trees this may mean adding a pint or more of water per day.

Tests have shown that a tree cared for in this manner will have a moisture content at least as high — and in many cases higher — than when it was originally cut down. Thus, your tree will stay fresh, green and safe throughout the entire Christmas holiday season.

There are two important limitations on this method of Christmas tree care. A tree which is too dry when purchased will continue to dry out, even though it is placed in water. If a Christmas tree shows signs of drying out after it has been re-cut — if the needles and twigs become more brittle — it should be replaced immediately.

Also, highly combustible materials around the base of the tree, such as gifts wrapped in tissue paper, present a serious fire hazard for which your tree, as well as many other household furnishings, will not be immune.

To complete your Christmas tree safety program, don't use decorations on your tree which will burn easily. Also, use only electric lighting equipment which bears the Canadian Standards Association label of approval, and make sure all wires and sockets are in proper working order.

The Department's tests show that spraying a Christmas tree with fire-retardant chemicals is no substitute for the recommended method of re-cutting the base and standing the tree in water. It has also been found that placing sugar or chemical additives in the water, rather than prolonging the life of the tree, will actually reduce the tree's moisture content, shortening the length of time which it may be used in the home.

Wardens - Despair

There appears to be a sad lack of people willing to become involved as leaders for youth groups in the Pass.

A good example of this can be cited in the trouble that the Junior Forest Wardens are having in trying to find adult leadership.

The Wardens of some fifty (see) young people in strength cannot, it seems, muster up anyone willing to assume even the smallest role in this excellent organization.

It's a real pity, when you consider what a fine job this organization does for the young in providing for character building through their program.

In answer to what has happened to the old leaders, it should be pointed out that some have moved away, and those that remained, are still the same old breed involved in most everything in your community. These people are involved not only because they really believe in the Junior Forest Warden movement, but because if they wouldn't involve themselves, no one else would. It's a good thing these generous people exist.

If so far as Wardens are concerned, it appears now, that even the old stalwarts, the regulars, are losing interest. This loss of interest is due directly to the lack of

new leaders, the increasingly fewer people willing to devote themselves in at least, a small way.

Are we selfish, too much of an individualist, to give at least some interest to these young people, the future of what you work so hard for now.

In this age of atomic blastoff, cars built to go twice the speed limit, and globular news casts, consider the influence society has on the youth of today and then honestly ask yourself, what the alternative is.

Society is not the same today as it was ten (10), twenty (20), or more years ago, an because it isn't the same, the remedies of those years sure won't solve the problems of today.

In view of the present situation, everyone throughout the Pass has to assess his role. Each one of us has to sit down as an individual and ask ourselves whether to become involved or become part of the inactive society.

Young people have received far too much criticism for the conditions they have had nothing to do with. It's time that the adult society took credit for what exists now and begin doing something about it.

The youth of today in the Junior Forest Wardens, need your help. Don't abandon them at this critical time in their life.

— Recreation Director,
Crownsnest Pass

A Child Dreams Of Christmas

A Child's Dream of Christmas — striped candy canes — mysterious packages hidden away — reindeer landing on a snowy roof — a red felt stocking hung on the mantelpiece — a tree twinkling with magic colors — a midnight sky dancing with stars...

Every child dreams at Christmas time and as we grow old we cherish the dreams of our childhood as much as the reality of this sacred season. But there are some children who dare not dream of Christmas. They have been hurt and disappointed so much in their short lives, that they are afraid to hope. These are the children of poverty-stricken families, of broken homes and institutions. Ill, frightened, unhappy children. Must they go without Christmas this year, while others have so much?

Not if the Salvation Army can help it. In countless ways the Army of the helping hands brings the joys of Christmas to children too often forgotten. Small things — a stocking filled with candy canes — a new doll — a warm smile — can make the day glow with happiness for a child. Salvationists not only provide these things, but also work to reunite families, obtain jobs for fathers, and help parents to cope with emotional problems. A gift to The Salvation Army's Annual Christmas Program can give a child the courage to dream again.

Christmas Customs

Of all the holidays universally celebrated, Christmas is the most steeped in tradition and symbolism. The "good tidings of great joy" were expressed in many different ways in countries all over the world. Borrowing freely from the richly varied backgrounds of early settlers and later immigrants, we have developed a wondrously exciting set of customs. To these customs we owe much of the enchantment of contemporary holiday decoration.

Even the pagans contributed to Christmas. From the Romans, perhaps, came one of the most abiding customs, for they decorated homes and temples with garlands of evergreens and flowers and placed lighted candles on trees in celebration of Saturnalia, the winter feast. The evergreens symbolized eternal life because they survived the cold winter and retained their needles. Flowers were an offering to the goddess Flora to whom Roman temples had been erected two hundred years before the birth of Christ.

The use of evergreens persists through the ages. In England, many believed that the pine, spruce fir holly and box would repel evil spirits, but that all evergreens must be burned in the fireplace by Twelfth Night, lest they become haunted.

During Canada's first century of Confederation a total of 9,351,777 persons were admitted to this country as immigrants. The Centennial Year total of 222,876 was the largest number since the postwar peak of 282,164 reached in 1957. All-time record year was 1913, when the immigration figure reached 400,870.

Greetings

*"It came upon
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may the message of
Peace and Good Will
dwell in your heart
at Christmas.*



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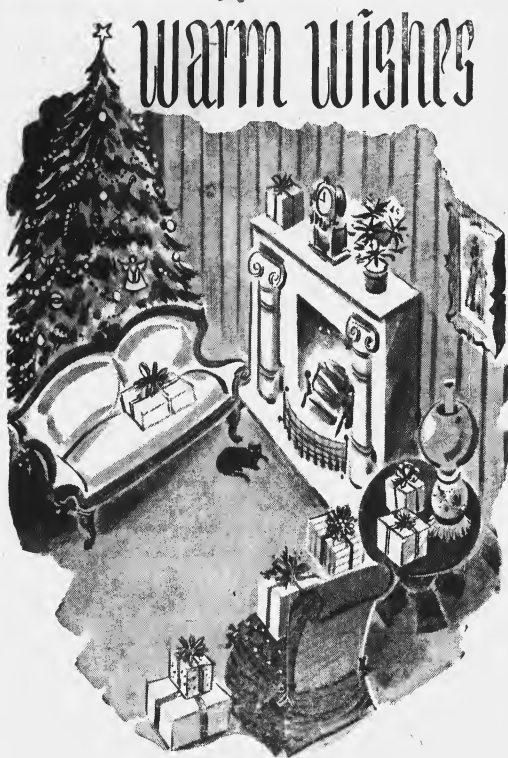
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Greetings**



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CANDLE GLOW:

With Christmas almost upon us, and the children home from school making candles can be fun for the whole family as well as providing attractive decorations for this season and all year through. The basic equipment includes: paraffin wax, wicks, a double boiler and molds.

Two pounds of paraffin wax will yield about a quart of liquid. Break it into chunks and melt over a low to medium heat in a double boiler. A 48 oz. juice tin with the edge pinched to form a spout, may be used as the top part of the double boiler. When the wax is nearly liquified, add crayon shavings of your favorite color. One crayon usually colors two pounds of paraffin unless a particularly dark shade is desired. For extra lustre and durability, two tablespoons of stearic acid can be added to the wax.

While your paraffin is melting you can be preparing the mould. Use any pleasingly shaped dry container — milk cartons, refrigerator containers, dixie cups, salad moulds — anything you have handy. But, if it's not paper that can be peeled away, be sure the top is at least as wide as the base. Coat the inside with salad oil to make removal easier.

Next step is the wick. Make a small hole in the center of the container base. Insert the wick through it and seal with plasticine or some other substance to prevent leakage. Cut two V-shaped notches on opposite sides of the top rim. Lay a pencil across the top in the notches, then pull the wick taut, tying the top end around the pencil so the wicking is centered and secure.

After half an hour the wax will have contracted and sunk around the wick. Poke three small holes around the wick to relieve tension. Add more paraffin to refill the dent.

It takes about eight hours for setting — a little less if placed in the refrigerator for a short time. Cut the wick from the pencil. Peel plasticine from the base. If using a paper mould it can simply be peeled away. Properly hardened candles should simply slip out of other oiled containers. Smooth rough edges by scraping with a knife.

Added Touches for Extra Glamour:

Layered Candles — Fill the mould part way with one colored wax, let harden for about 1½ hours, then pour in a layer of another color. Repeat as desired.

Tilted Candles — Fill the prepared mould part way with one color. Tilt the mold so the paraffin sets at an angle. Let stand two or more hours. Repeat. When setting the last color let the mold sit upright.

Textured Candles — Prepare the mold and fill with ice cubes. Pour in paraffin and let set. Heat from the wax causes ice cubes to melt giving the candle a pattern of holes. Pore off the water before unmolding the candle.

Some Tips — Cover all working surfaces with old newspapers before starting — spills are a problem to clean up.

Remove wax from linens by letting it harden, then scraping off with a knife and washing spots with cleaning fluid or varsol.

Perfume can be added. Only those which are oil based (pine or boyberry) should be used. Add some to wax and dip the wick in it.

Wicks can be made from string or carpenter's chalk line. Soak the latter in a mixture of two tablespoons of borax, one tablespoon of salt and one cup of water. Hang and let dry for 24 hours before using. String is not as clean burning.

The Department of Manpower and Immigration has estimated that the Canadian economy gains from \$3 to \$4 for each dollar invested in the federally financed Occupational Training for Adults program, which this year is making it possible for close to 300,000 workers to increase their annual incomes.



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FOR THE
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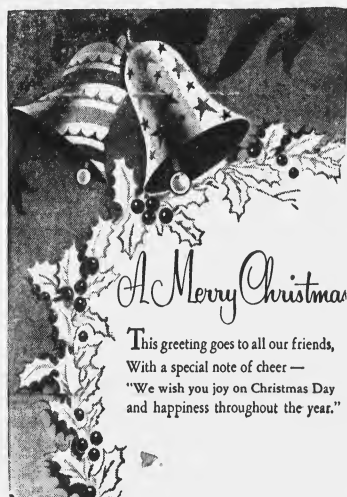
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By Mike Bennett
P. J. O'Casey, the commissioner of the
union, stood at right attention, doing
his best to meet the unswerving
gaze of his captain.

"And, let me tell you, O'Casey, the commissioner is on my back. I want him off. The 'Masqueraders' have pulled more jobs in your area than anywhere else in town. If they get away with one more I'll demote you."

"Captain. I'll demote you."

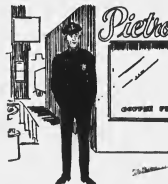
"Don't captain me, O'Casey. Just get out there and do your job. No coffee at Pietro's, no more watching sandlot football games, no visiting around. Get out there on your beat and pound it, with your eyes open."

"Right, Captain. The Masqueraders won't strike in my area again. I'll be alert."

He passed Pietro's without even looking in. He heard the kids in the vacant lot calling to him, but he gave them only an official wave of his hand. O'Casey was on the move. On patrol. Just let them try something. Just let them try.

Observing
Forgetting himself for a moment, O'Casey took his usual position at the corner of Madison and Oak and nonchalantly watched Christmas shoppers hurrying hither and yon. Lots of folks out, as might be expected. It was the day before Christmas and only a few shopping hours remained.

Surely, O'Casey said to himself, the Masqueraders wouldn't strike on Christmas Eve. Or, would they? After all this would be one of the biggest selling days of the year for merchants. The Union Bank was remaining open until the stores closed. What better time?



Mama Pietro looked up from the cash register. "Well, if I don't see the smiling Irishman himself, thought you might be mad at us or something."

"Not you, Mama. Never. It's just that the Captain has been on, and..."

"Eh, the Masqueraders, eh?"

"He thinks they will strike somewhere today."

"Abusing the Christmas? Right they should be caught and punished. Thieves should be caught during the holy season."

"We catch 'em, Mama, they ration for a long time."

O'Casey took his coffee to a table where he could sit and observe outside activity through the big front window. He drank a second cup, was regaining a third when Captain Connors came in the front door.

"All right, O'Casey. You were warned. I told you..."

"Captain, would you like to capture the Masqueraders? What a Christmas present for the commissioner!"

FILL IN
The captain sat down. Casey raised his cup to his lips, but he didn't drink. He kept right on talking. "Across the street, directly in front of the Union Bank there is a Santa Claus. He wasn't there this morning and there hasn't been a Santa at that spot all week. He's a 'ringer'. Watch the street and you will see two men in a green panel truck cruising round and round the block. The truck is lettered 'Ace Package Delivery'—but there's no such business in town. Your 'Masqueraders' are getting ready to hit the bank."

Captain Connors guiped his coffee, leisurely walked out to his cruiser and drove away. Once up the street, he radioed to nearby patrol cars. As the story goes, it was a typical cops and robbers finish. The squad cars arrived just in time.

Later, over an after-hours cup of coffee at Pietro's, the captain asked, "How did you get on to the Sean?"

"Easy as apple pie," O'Casey said. "The Santa really aroused my curiosity when I saw him take the moneyfolks donated out of the pot and put it in his pocket. As Mama says, some thieves don't know enough to take a holiday during the holy season."

Since 1945, almost three million persons have entered Canada as immigrants, accounting for one-fifth that the population growth from that date. Department of Manpower and Immigration records show that the majority of immigrant workers have been between 20 and 30 years of age.

"Christmas Message"

NO ROOM

Luke 2: 1-20 And she brought forth her first-born son, and she laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2: 27

I am certain that in the past few weeks many ministers will have used the above Text at least once for a sermon, and for the title the words **NO ROOM**. I myself used this title and Text two years ago in this same paper, and I feel that I must make more comment on the same subject.

Why? because it is tragically true. That There is No Room for our Lord Jesus Christ in the lives of many human beings today, neither at the Christmas Season, nor throughout the other 364 days of the year. Most people are saying "No Time, Too Busy, I Cannot Be Bothered", I say to them all No Room.

I do not believe that Jesus Christ has been given entrance into the lives of a large percentage of our families who traditionally celebrate Christmas. Many who apparently really love this season of the year and who still strenuously object to the traditional thoughts of the Christian Church being used in Public Places. Last year in one of the cities large department stores one could hear all through the store, the soft beauty of the Christmas Carol's coming from the store's P.A. System. As I was listening, I heard a man not far from me remark to another, "Isn't it disgusting, people are trying to mix religion into everything now-a-days, even into Christmas." A statement such as this is almost humorous, except that it points out an attitude which is too pathetic to be really funny. I trust that there are many who do not feel as such, but I am afraid that even among many church going people, there are many today who actually have No Room, for Jesus Christ in their lives. They attend Church on Sunday, and they never miss Church functions, they serve on a Board or Committee, and yet Jesus Christ has no room in their lives through the rest of the week.

A little girl summarized the situation very well. After attending her first Sunday School Christmas Party, and arriving home, her mother asked if she had had a good time. The little girl replied, "It was a nice party mother, but JESUS never did come." Friend as you read this, what about YOU, has Jesus Christ truly found **ROOM IN YOUR HEART?** If He hasn't, will you do some house cleaning right now? Make Room for Him. He wants first place in your life, and only YOU can give it to Him. Coleman United Church Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 11 p.m.

Regular Service of Worship each Sunday: at 10 a.m.

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Mr. Peter Walker,
Minister of St. Paul's
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Cigarettes And
Lung Cancer,
Emphysema, Ulcers

Canadian doctors now accept the evidence that there is a direct relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. The Canadian Medical Association reports: "The evidence is in two parts:—Coal tar derivatives can be used to cause cancer in experimental animals. This is a fact easily demonstrated and well-documented, and there are coal tar derivatives in cigarette smoke."

2—Statistically it has been shown that a higher percentage of lung cancer comes from those in the population who are heavy smokers than from those who are non-smokers.

Of perhaps even more importance than the relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer is the relationship between cigarette smoking and health in general. Several studies implicate cigarette smoking in many other health situations. Some of these are coronary artery disease, arterial disease in general, leg pains, digestive disturbance, stomach ulcers and respiratory problems such as emphysema and bronchitis.

The heavy smoker who, through injury or disease, requires an anesthetic, is considered a greater surgical risk than the non-smoker. The smoker will probably be in more danger during his 'sleep' and will have a less comfortable course after.

In summary, the CMA reports that doctors today believe that cigarette smoking constitutes a definite health hazard.



GREETINGS to All

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the New Year

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Uncle Bill AND SANTA CLAUS

By Joseph Burton
The depression years were pretty tough all over I guess. But in the mountains where we lived most folks barely scratched together enough to keep going. Many of them wouldn't have made it with out Uncle Bill's help. He ran the general store. He had signs all over the place declaring a "CASH ONLY" policy. But there was a funny thing about that. Uncle Bill apparently couldn't read. I know. I asked him about the signs one time and he said they read, "WE HOPE."

But I think the most unusual thing about Uncle Bill was that he was personally acquainted with Santa Claus. Every kid in the mountains knew it.

Uncle Bill was the local postmaster. I used to watch him put stamps on the letters and put them in a pouch which Big Zeb swung over his saddle horn and carried over the hill trail to Junction City. There, I was told, a big train passed through every single day.



DISCOVERY

I found out about Uncle Bill and Santa Claus during the first Christmas season I spent with him at the store. I noticed that he put the letters to Santa separate from the others. I didn't think this unusual at first. But, I couldn't help wondering why he never put any stamps on them. At least, I never saw him do so. He just took the letters when the kids brought them in and put them in a leather folder he kept on the top of his old roll-top desk.

One day, as Big Zeb mounted his mule to carry another packet of mail over the trail, I asked Uncle Bill about the Santa Letters.

"Regular mail service is too slow for those, Jimmy," he said. "They get special attention. But, don't you worry. I'll see to them."

And he did. Next morning the leather folder was empty. And so it was each of the five mornings that remained before the arrival of Christmas morning.

I could tell they had been delivered, too. Like when little Joe Hoskins came in with his folks on Christmas Eve. Uncle Bill took quite a long time filling their order and talking quietly with Mr. Hoskins.

When they were ready to leave, he gave Joe a peppermint stick. "By the way, Joe, I had a letter from Santa yesterday. Said he had heard from you, too. He's much too busy to answer all his mail, as you can guess—so he asked me to give you a message. He's liable to be a little short on bicycles this year, but he'll try. Said, tho, he had a pretty good mule. Just right for a feller your size. Strong enough to pull a plow and sharp enough to ride to school. What do you think of that, eh?"

SELF THOUGHTS

Needless to say, I was pretty impressed with my Uncle Bill at this point. I began to think of all the things I should have put in a letter to Santa. I could have listed all kinds of second choices. How I wished I could have a mule for my very own!

"Uncle Bill," I asked, "Is it too late for me to send a letter to Santa?"

"Course not," he said, handing me pencil and paper. "Jot 'er down."

I did. And, I didn't ask for a thing. I only asked how he got the letters in Uncle Bill's leather folder so fast.

Christmas morning, along with a dandy spinning top, an air rifle and an assortment of fruits and nuts, I received a letter from Santa, which read simply, "Son, Christmas is a time of miracles."

I knew it came from Santa. Like I said, I don't think Uncle Bill could read or write. There's a big difference between "CASH ONLY" and "WE HOPE."

Christmas ENCOUNTER

By Mary Hannah
Jack Ward peered through the open doorway at the yard lights, coming up more slowly now as the lead cars began to hump and jerk and slow.

He heard voices and knew that he had waited almost too long to make his departure. He should have known that railroad cops would be on the job, even if it was Christmas Eve.

He hit the ground running, jumping tracks with the agility of an olympic hurdler. He heard the shouts of discovery moments before he reached the last track, hurried it and half-stumbled, half-fell down the shallow embankment into a dry creek bed. Resting momentarily, he turned away from the lights and melted into the darkness of the night.

The Truck Stop Cafe was visually deserted. In one booth, a burley truck driver was eating ham and eggs like a man in a hurry to catch a train. At the counter, a young couple laughed and giggled in to their soft drink bottles. The bearded waiter hardly looked up from his game of solitaire. "What'll you have, kid?"

"How much is a cup of coffee and a donut?"

"Got no donuts. Give you a sweet roll. With coffee, twenty one cents with tax."

"Just make it coffee."

"O.K., big spender. One cup of coffee."

"Aw, give the kid a couple of hamburgers, Sam. After all, it's Christmas."

"Christmas is just another day, Rufe. You gonna pay?"



The truck driver stood up, dropped his napkin into his plate. "Cook 'em Sam. And get off that stupid card game."

Bringing his cup, the truck driver walked behind the counter and poured himself a cup of coffee. "Why aren't you home where you belong, kid? It's Christmas Eve."

"I'm going there now. Just stopped for a minute."

"Thought I knew everyone around Taylorsville. Where do you live?"

"I live the other side of town. Several miles out. You wouldn't know my family."

"Maybe. What did you say your name was?"

"Smith, Jack Smith."

"That's a good one. Nobody quite sure just how many Smiths live in the county. You a Smith's boy?"

"No, no sir. My dad's Fred Smith."

The big man looked down at his coffee thoughtfully. "Fred, yeah, Fred. O.K. Jack, eat your hamburgers. I'm going your way soon as I have another cup of java. I'll give you a lift as far as I go. And, no arguments. Looks like a storm might be brewing up outside."

They were seated in the cab, the motor running, when it began to snow. Rufe opened his door. "Sit tight, kid. I wanna buy a pack of cigarettes. I have a long haul to make."

A CHANCE

Jack watched as Rufe went back into the cafe. Now was his chance. He started to open the door, then paused as he saw Rufe looking at him through the cafe window. Jack froze. He wasn't afraid, but he sensed futility in any attempted escape.

Rufe opened the cigarettes, took a box of matches from the cash register container and started for the door. "By the way, Sam, if you can give up that card game for a minute, you can do me a favor. Call the police at Taylorsville and tell them I'm coming in on the south road with that 15-year-old kid who ran away from home last week in Jackson. I heard them on the radio before I came in that his parents were mighty worried and I know they will be glad to have him back by Christmas Day."

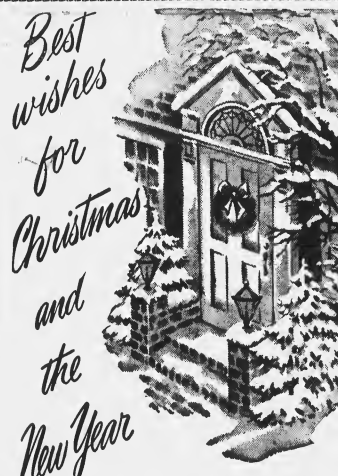
Waiting softly, he slammed the cafe door.



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Jehovah's Witnesses Bible Seminar

The three day Bible Seminar of Jehovah's Witnesses billed "the largest religious convention ever held in High River" concluded Sunday afternoon with the discourse "God is Love", by Mr. D. G. Clegg of Toronto.

Mr. Clegg referred his audience of 810 to the Bible verse at 1st John 4:8 "God is Love". "Because", he said "God has provided mankind with a gift to see, taste, smell hear and feel. With these five senses, man is able to enjoy to the full all the wonders of creation".

"The love of God has already been demonstrated towards mankind by the installation of His 'new administration'. His heavenly kingdom under the rulership of His Son Christ Jesus".

Mr. J. Jones, Presiding Minister of the local congregation referred to the speaker as saying: "In the near future, by means of

this righteous government, God will bring to an end all the wars, poverty, sickness and disease that has plagued mankind from early times".

Saturday morning ten new witnesses were baptized in the Kingdom Hall in High River. Interested persons who were able to watch young and old immersed by water, symbolizing their dedication to do God's will.

Elks Bingo Winners

Winners of prizes at the Elks bingo night were: \$50 cash Rick Cox; turkey, Olive Dingerville; ham, Mrs. Bellarose; turkey, Mrs. Sprlak; \$22, Isabelle Spivek; ham, Telena Newton; \$15 split by Mrs. M. Almond, Mrs. Hillas, A. Mickels; \$30 split by T. Keegan and Mrs. Olivia; Turkey, Mrs. Olivia; ham, Mrs. Stober; Ford car set of glasses, Marge Kubica; \$10, Stan Tarabula; and \$10 split by Mary Keegan and Emily Misura.

The next bingo on Dec. 27 will feature four turkey bingos, four ham bingos, \$50 to go, \$50 decreasing prize bingo, \$170 in 57 numbers or less and three merchandise prizes.

Whist at Coleman

Our final Whist this year was held in Coleman United Church Clubrooms. There weren't many there but we had fun anyway.

Winners were: Ladies - 1st, Mrs. Josie Mills; 2nd, Mrs. Christina Pitt; Consolation, Mrs. Mary Yates. Men's - 1st, Mr. A. A. Hereford; 2nd, Mr. Cyril Pitt; Consolation, Mrs. Molly Gleave.

The first Whist in 1969 will be on Saturday, January 11th at 8 p.m.

See You There!
 In the meantime we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OORP COLLECT \$514

Honored Royal Lady Mildred Zak announced this week that the drive for funds for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind conducted by members of the Coleman OORP No. 96 was very successful.

A total grand sum of \$514.33 was realized from the ladies efforts and has been forwarded to headquarters. The lodge has extended a sincere thank you to all the generous contributions in town.

Another undertaking of the OORP also proved very successful Dec. 3 when over 70 members of the Coleman Senior Citizens organization were treated to a Christmas banquet and program of entertainment in the Elks Hall.

SPECIAL ELK LICENSES

This year, a random selection of a limited number of elk licenses allowing persons to hunt in Wildlife Management Unit 5418 (Ya-Ha-Tinda) and Wildlife Management Unit 5416 (the Corners) under certain restrictions will be made from applications received from Alberta residents. "Resident" means a person who is a Canadian citizen and who is not a Canadian citizen but has resided in the Province one year immediately prior to the date of application for a licence. The special elk season (either sex) will be open for six three-day periods (Thursday, Friday and Saturday): January 23-25, January 30-February 1, February 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 and February 27-March 1, 1969.

This late elk season is due to the overpopulation of elk in the park that over-winter on the Ya-Ha-Tinda and Corners flats. These elk will not move down from the mountains until they are forced by heavy snows. They will also move back into the mountains with heavy hunting pressure. As a result the season is long to reduce hunting pressure. Only three hundred hunters will be allowed into the area during this period at a rate of fifty a week. Hunting will only be allowed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week. Each applicant who is not drawn

on the dates or date of his first choice has an equal opportunity to be selected on his second choice etc. All applications must be submitted on special forms available only at Provincial Fish and Wildlife offices. As illegible or incomplete applications do not qualify, it is important to carefully read the instructions. The cost of this elk permit will be \$5.00 with each applicant requiring a 1968 Wildlife Certificate. Persons may apply whether or not they hold or filled a regular 1968 elk license. The deadline was extended to December 14, 1968.

Coleman Library Xmas Hours

The library board has announced the library will be closed Dec. 26 and will open from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 2. Regular hours will resume on Jan. 9.

Christmas seals fight tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases.

In Memoriam

ROUGHEAD - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather William Roughead. Who passed away December 23, 1965.

Those we love go out of sight But never out of mind For they are cherished in the hearts Of those they left behind.

Ever remembered by his wife, Elizabeth; son, daughters, and their families.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Annie Urkewich, who passed away on December 23, 1967.

We think of her in silence, Her name we oft recall, There is nothing left to answer,

But her picture on the wall. Ever remembered by her son, daughter in law and her seven grandchildren.

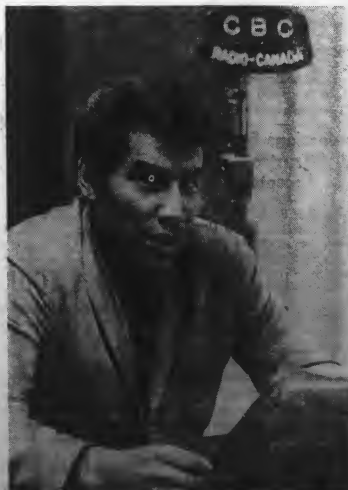
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SHARE THE HEALTH WITH CHRISTMAS SEALS



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INDIAN MAGAZINE



The voice of the Canadian Indian is growing stronger across the land on matters pertaining to his welfare. The voice of Ojibway Johnny Yesso is heard Saturdays on CBC radio on the program Indian Magazine - a national forum for the opinions of Indians, Metis and Eskimos. It's also a means of letting non-Indians hear the Indian viewpoint and helps promote understanding. Yesso won a Wilderness Award for his role in a CBC-TV Wejcek episode.

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10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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"GEARING FOR PRODUCTION"

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

"NO SACRED COWS"

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

1969

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AND ALL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS EXCEPT

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOS.

109, 110, 123, 124, 129 & 149

NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment rolls of SPECIAL AREAS NOS. 2 and 3 and all IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS EXCEPT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOS. 109, 110, 123, 124, 129 & 149, made under the provisions of the Municipal Taxation Act have been prepared and will for thirty (30) days, be open to inspection at the Department of Municipal Affairs, 10363-108th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, during business hours. Any person who desires to object to the entry of his name or that of any other person upon the said roll (s), or to the assessed value placed upon any property must, within thirty (30) days from January 1, 1969, lodge his complaint (s) in writing with the Department of Municipal Affairs. Dated this 10th day of December, 1968.

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 Family Bible Hour — 11:00 a.m.
 Lord's Supper — 12:30 p.m.
 Evening Service — 7:00 p.m.
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 Holding Forth the Word of Life — Philippians 2:16.

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NOTICE

Town of Coleman

Due to Snow Removal your co-operation would be appreciated to see that vehicles are moved when the P.W. men are plowing Main Street and Side Streets. There is a two-hour Parking By-Law for Main Street. Any car which has to be removed the removing shall be done by the Coleman Esso Service and the owner shall have to pay the Towing Fee.

Also there is a By-Law of the Town of Coleman which states that all cars must be moved every twenty four hours.

Please Save the Tow Charge

CLARENCE F. SCHILE,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

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IN THE
Elks' Hall, Coleman

ON

Fri., Dec. 27th

AT 8 p.m. SHARP

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If not won in 57 Nos. prize money will decrease \$5.00

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and

4 TURKEYS and 4 HAMS

Personalities IN THE NEWS

Friends are pleased to see Mr. M. Balog of the Blairmore Cleaning Centre back on the job again after being a patient in the C.N.P. Hospital.

Mrs. H. Nelson is visiting at Calgary with her son Gordon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Fullop and family are visiting with friends at Lethbridge.

Mrs. Norman Ash was bereaved with the sudden death of her sister. Mrs. Melna Kennedy, at Calgary on December 15th. Mrs. Ash and her daughter, Mrs. J. Wolstenholm attended the funeral.

Mr. Eugene (Jim) Montalbette is a patient in the Foothills Hospital in Calgary. Friends in the Crownsnest Pass wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Joan Wolstenholm of Edmonton is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ash.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rumpel at Lethbridge a daughter, on December 1st. Mrs. Bert Westworth is the proud grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Gianiorio are leaving on Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with son and daughter-in-law at Kimberly B.C.

Mrs. C. D'Amico of Calgary is visiting with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ledieu.

Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Hereford are spending a holiday at Mission City, B.C., the guests of their daughter and son-in-law. They travelled from Calgary by T. C. A.

Bellevue Couple Mark 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William McInnis of Bellevue marked the occasion of their diamond anniversary on Nov. 17.

For the occasion a special Latin Mass was said by Rev. Lucien Robert in St. Cyril's Catholic Church attended by numerous members of the McInnis family. Following the Mass the couple were called upon and Mrs. James Boyle presented them with a gift from the congregation.

Open house was held during the afternoon when many friends called in to greet the couple who are both in their late 80's and enjoying fair health.

Among the many telegrams and cards the couple received were ones from Prime Minister Trudeau, Bishop O'Byrne of Calgary and a letter from the Queen. They also received a bouquet of flowers from the village of Bellevue.

Present at the family supper held in the evening were the couples' seven daughters, Mrs. J. (Florence) Mission, Mrs. R. (Effie) Blake, Mrs. Bonnie McGregor, Mrs. Pat Morkin all of Calgary, Mrs. R. (Catherine) Draper of Pincher Creek, Mrs. J. (Isabelle) Rodde of Blairmore, Mrs. J. (Marie) Kinnear of Coleman; a son, Bill McInnis, of Blairmore and a number of the couples' 44 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

To mark the occasion, the happy couple were piped to their seats at the head of the table by their grandchildren, Hughie and Ian McInnis of Prince George.

During the supper numerous telegrams from relatives all over North America were read. The couple were then called upon by a son-in-law, John Kinnear of Coleman, who on behalf of the family presented the couple with a large purse of money to be used for a trip for the couple to their homeland of Nova Scotia this coming summer.

Mr. and Mrs. McInnis, both natives of Inverness, Nova Scotia, were married there on Nov. 17, 1908 and migrated west to Coleman in 1920. After living there for seven years they moved to Bellevue where they have resided since. Mr. McInnis worked in the mines in Coleman and Bellevue until his retirement in the late 1940s.

The couple lost a son Alex in 1938, a daughter Bernadette in 1940 both in Bellevue and a son Jack in Prince George in 1965.

Nominations For School Trustee To Be Accepted

The Board of School Trustees of the Crownsnest Pass School Division No. 63 has announced that for the Christmas holidays schools in the division will close Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. and re-open on Jan. 6 at 9 a.m.

The board at its December meeting decided that a Driver Training Program will not be held this year due to insufficient enrolment. Secretary treasurer John Albiz-

zali will be receiving nominations for the office of trustee until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15th. Trustee's whose terms expire this year are Mrs. Lorraine Aiello of sub-division No. 1 Coleman; John Lloyd of sub-division No. 2 Blairmore and Joe Krywolt of Frank, Bellevue, Mohawk and Hillcrest sub-division No. 3.

Reports indicated that the architects have been working on the final plans for the new composite high school and these should be completed by the end of February.

The board is presently studying other matters for the new school

including equipment, transportation requirements, a semester system and other details pertaining to the move to one centralized high school.

Mrs. Edwina Kitagawa Honored At Shower

Mrs. Edwina Kitagawa (nee Edwina Stonehouse) was honored at a shower held in the Elks Hall recently when a large number of friends gathered for the occasion. On entering the hall Mrs. Kitagawa was presented with a corsage by her cousin Mrs. Joy Tarcon and

Mrs. Elsie Cocoloni presented Mrs. Stonehouse with a corsage and Mrs. Jose Kraf presented Mrs. Gladys MacDonald. Aunt of the bride with a corsage and while being escorted to the head table the wedding march was played by Mrs. Amy Penny. Following the lunch the bride was presented with many gifts which included a 53 piece dinnerware set, 6 piece corningware set, electric kettle, and a 40 piece stainless steel tableware set. Mrs. Kitagawa ably expressed her thanks for the fine gifts she had received. Miss Cloria Cocoloni was in charge of the guest book.

Roxy Theatre

Show Times—Monday to Friday, 1 show, 8.00 p.m.
Saturday at 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th, NO SHOW

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Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27

"Tarzon and the Jungle Boy"

Mike Henry - Rafer Johnson - Family Adventure

Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
December 28, 30, 31 and January 1

"THE ODD COUPLE"

Jack Lemon - Walter Matthau - Comedy
FAMILY

Matinee, Sat., December 28, at 2 p. m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30th

Free Show for the Children

"1001 Arabian Nights"

Sponsored by the Coleman Royal Purple Ladies
SHOW TIME 2 p. m.

Thursday and Friday, January 2 and 3

ALSO SATURDAY MATINEE at 2 p.m. JANUARY 4th

"Don't Raise the Bridge Lower the River"

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20 ounce - - 49c

Cream Corn or Peas

15 oz. Tins, 4 for - 79c

Reynolds Foil Wrap

18", per package - 69c

PEACHES or PEARS

15 oz. Tins, 4 for \$1.00

CRYSTAL ICE CREAM

Half Gal., all flavours \$1.19

Green Spot Orange Drink

5 Quarts for - \$1.00
Plus Deposit

Nabob Coffee,

2 lb. pk. \$1.65

Milk, Carnation

6 Tins \$1.09

MARGARINE, So-Fresh

3 pounds for - - 85c

PURE PLUM JAM, Nabob

24 ounce Tin for - 43c

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12 oz. Btls., Doz. ^{Plus Deposit} \$1.35

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We will have regular hours for Xmas and New Year with the exception of Monday, December 23rd, when we will be open until 9 p. m.
WE WILL BE CLOSED on December 25 and 26 and January 1 and 2

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